APPEARING FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THIS MAGAZINE, HIGURI YUU'S BRILLIANT FANTASY WORLD!
ドールとマスター
A doll & his master
ネオゴシック読み切り
MASTER WAS THE FIRST ONE I EVER TOUCHED.
MASTER IS THE ONE WHO CALLS MY NAME EVERY DAY.
IS THAT WHY SOMETHING HAS HOWLED DEEP IN MY HEART...?
氷栗優
HIGURI YUU

WOO
WOO
IT'S ANOTHER OF THOSE MURDERS
OH THAT ONE?
THE ONE KILLING THE MAGI-CIANS...
AND RIPPING THEIR HEARTS OUT?

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PLEASE, SIR, PLEASE!
I WANT HIS HEART NO MATTER WHAT!
I WANT HIM TO LOOK MY WAY!
I DON'T CARE HOW MUCH IT COSTS, I'LL PAY!
PLEASE!!
FIRST OF ALL, THIS REQUIRES THE USE OF AN ADVANCED ENOCH TECHNIQUE
AND I'M AFRAID IT IS RATHER TIME-CONSUMING
THERE ARE QUICKER WAYS TO USE HEAVEN'S ELIXIR— A LOVE POTION
BUT THEY ARE QUITE EXPENSIVE

SENECA
YES, MASTER.
OH, DEAR ME!
SOMEONE WAS THERE?
DO NOT WORRY, MADAM. THAT BOY ISN'T HUMAN
HE'S A DOLL THAT I MADE.
Ahhh all of my work with clients is strictly confidential!
A DOLL? OH, MY.
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN ONE. HE REALLY LOOKS HUMAN!
He's Graelle! ♡
Strip
.....
SENECA, HERE'S THE PRESCRIPTION GIVE THE LADY HER LOVE POTION.
EH? WHAT IS HE DOING?
A DOLL IS A MAGICIAN'S "ARCA." IN OTHER WORDS.
SOMETHING LIKE A VAULT, IF YOU WILL.

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PLEASE PUT THIS IN A BEVERAGE OF SOME SORT AND HAVE THE GENTLEMAN DRINK IT
IF YOUR EMOTIONS ARE STRONG, THEN YOUR WISH SHALL COME TRUE
!
SLURP
SLUMP
DEAR ME. IS THE POOR BOY ALL RIGHT?
NO WORRIES, MADAM. DOLLS DO NOT FEEL PAIN
YOU'RE A LIAR, MASTER.

IF IT'S MADE LIKE THAT,
THEN IT'S PRACTICALLY NOTHING BUT MOUTHWASH.
THIS PRES-CRIPTION ISN'T FOR "HEAVEN'S ELIXIR."
I NEVER SAID THAT IT WOULD WORK IF HE DRANK IT.
SOMEONE WILL SUE YOU ONE DAY FOR SAYING THINGS LIKE THAT.
WELL, I SUPPOSE YOU CAN'T TELL IF IT WILL HIT OR MISS ...
I THINK THE 5,000 000 ZAIM PRICE IS UNFAIR, IS IT NOT?
IT'S JUST A LADY OF LEISURE PLAYING WITH LOVE.
THE RUMORS SAY THAT THE LADY AND HER FRIENDS ARE VYING TO SEE WHO CAN CAPTURE THE GENTLE-MAN FIRST. HAVEN'T YOU HEARD?
DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT BITCH HAS THE NERVE ...
TO RISK HER OWN POSITION BY SUING ME?
HIS NAME IS SHIGURE KIRIU... AND HE IS MY MASTER.

AFTER GRADUATING (A YEAR EARLY AND AT THE TOP OF HIS CLASS) FROM THE MAGICS DEPARTMENT OF A FAMOUS NATIONAL UNIVERSITY...
HE WENT ON TO EARN THE TOP MAGICS LICENSE, THE TEST FOR WHICH IS SAID TO HAVE A PASS RATE OF LESS THAN 1%, WITHOUT ANY DIFFICULTY AT ALL. HE IS NOW A LEGENDARY ELITE MAGICIAN... HOWEVER.
HE MAY LOOK NICE, BUT HIS PERSONALITY IS ABSOLUTELY HORRIBLE... AT LEAST, THAT'S MY OPINION.
AT ONLY EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD, HE'S THE HEAD OF A MAGICS CONSULTATION OFFICE...
AND HE OFTEN GETS OFFERS TO APPEAR ON TELEVISION, JUST BECAUSE HE'S A LITTLE BIT GOOD LOOKING.
THANKS TO ALL THAT,
THE VISITORS ARE ENDLESS.
AND SO I WAS CREATED,
TO BE HIS ASSISTANT AND A MAGICAL TOOL...

AND YET...
THIS BODY IS MADE OF ORGANIC ETHER PARTS,
BOUND TOGETHER BY TENDONS OF NERVE TENSION.
THE BEING I AM IS SYNTHESIZED FROM A SPIRIT SUMMONED BY A MAGIC CIRCLE.
AN ARTIFICIAL, LIVING BODY...
SOMETIMES, WHEN I LOOK AT MASTER.
I FEEL A HEART-RENDING SADNESS.
FOR SOME REASON...
SENECA
OH, YES!
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU TO USE ONLY MOCHA BEANS FROM DEMEL?
Pew?
THIS COFFEE IS AWFUL.
Pew
IT MUST BE BECAUSE HE DOES STUFF LIKE THIS!
If you don't want it, fine.
Give it back.
Whoa hey!
You'll spill it!

THOSE FOOTSTEPS
stomp stomp
SENECA!
BAM
HEY, SHIGURE!
WHOA!!
ANK

WHAT WAS THAT FOR?!
IS THIS HOW YOU GREET PEOPLE?
THERE ARE MANY ITEMS FOR MAGICAL RITUALS AROUND HERE
I CAN ONLY IMAGINE WHAT TERRIBLE THINGS COULD HAPPEN IF YOU CAME BARGING THROUGH HERE LIKE THE BRUTE YOU ARE
DIDN'T YOU ONCE KNOCK OVER A FLASK AND RUIN A VALUABLE SALAMANDER EXTRACT?
Did that happen?
It did
ALICE DAWSON
THEO-DORE GUISO
AGAI LOH
CHRIS MAY
THOSE ARE THE VICTIMS OF THE MAGICIAN MURDERS THAT HAVE BEEN GOING ON FOR THE PAST FEW DAYS
AS SOME-ONE IN THE SAME TRADE, CAN YOU THINK OF ANYTHING THEY HAD IN COMMON?
IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU CAN THINK OF, PLEASE TELL ME
ALL OF THEM ARE ADVANCED ENOCH WHITE MAGICIANS
SEVERAL OF THEM STUDIED AT MY SCHOOL BEFORE ME

...FOR SOME REASON, I DON'T MUCH LIKE THIS MAN...
I MEAN, HE'S ALWAYS CLINGING TO MASTER...
NOT AT ALL
OH, THANK YOU, LITTLE DOLL
click
THIS MAN— ALEIS SHIN— HAS BEEN MY MASTER'S FRIEND SINCE HIGH SCHOOL.
HE'S A HOT-BLOODED, HARD-WORKING DETECTIVE— ALTHOUGH NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, MASTER SAID THAT IT'S NOT PARTICULARLY WORK THAT HE'S HOT-BLOODED ABOUT
?
WHAT, DID YOU KNOW HIM?
QASIM LIE HE WAS KILLED, TOO?
!?
WELL, EITHER WAY,
I'M JUST GLAD YOU'RE OKAY, SHIGURE

...I SEE...
...YES...
I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM ONCE SINCE I GRADUATED, BUT...
WHATEVER THE CASE MAY BE, WE HAVEN'T CAUGHT THE KILLER YET.
UNLESS YOU WANT YOUR HEART RIPPED OUT,
I'M SURPRISED TO HEAR THAT A MISANTHROPE LIKE YOU HAD A RIVAL.
WELL, HE WAS... SOMETHING OF A RIVAL TO ME.
YOU'D BETTER WATCH OUT, TOO...
NO MATTER WHAT,
DON'T GO STICKING YOUR NOSE INTO ANY FUNNY BUSINESS
RUSTLE
...WHO IS THAT?
WHO'S THERE?

YOU'RE...
A MAGICIAN AREN'T YOU?
YES, THAT'S RIGHT.
YOUR AURA IS LIKE QASIM'S
WOBBLE
OH..
I'M SORRY
AH!
...HER EYES...

YES, THAT'S RIGHT, I'VE BEEN BLIND SINCE BIRTH
MAYBE THAT'S WHY I CAN SENSE AURAS.
NO TWO PEOPLE HAVE THE SAME AURA.
SO I KNOW WHO IT IS EVEN WITHOUT SEEING THEM.
AND I CAN SENSE PEOPLE'S POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE THOUGHTS...
EVEN MORE THAN SIGHTED PEOPLE CAN.

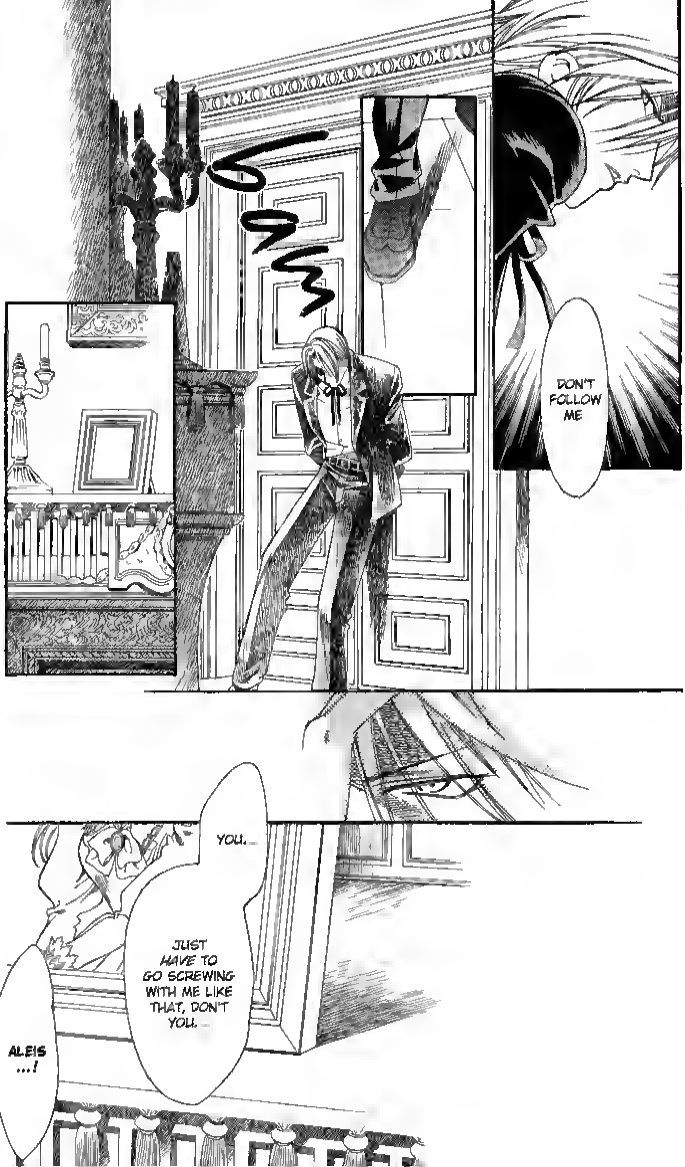
YOU AND QASIM...
YES...
WE WERE ENGAGED... WE WERE PLANNING TO GET MARRIED NEXT YEAR...
I WONDER... IF THERE WERE SOMEONE ELSE LIKE ME HERE NOW...
HOW WOULD THEY SEE ME?
I SWEAR I'LL FIND THE PERSON WHO KILLED QASIM...!
AND I'LL TAKE HIS REVENGE ON THE KILLER...!
EVERYONE WAS DISGUSTED BY ME... NO ONE CAME NEAR...
EXCEPT FOR HIM...
I WAS SURROUNDED BY HIS GENTLE, BRILLIANT AURA...
AND YET HE DIED SUCH A TERRIBLE DEATH...
I'VE HEARD THAT THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO WANT THE HEARTS OF POWERFUL MAGICIANS
THERE'S SOME MYTH THAT EATING THE HEART WILL GIVE YOU THE MAGICIAN'S POWERS...
IF SO,
THEN SOMEONE SHOULD JUST EAT QASIM'S HEART

THEN I WOULD KNOW BY THAT AURA.
THEN I'D BE ABLE TO FIND WHOEVER DID IT...!
I'LL FIND THE KILLER, I WILL!
I SWEAR ...
WELCOME BACK, MASTER!
MEOW!
Cat ears?

WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU DOING?
Honestly where did you get those?
TAKE THOSE DISGUSTING THINGS OFF IMMEDIATELY.
SLAM
!
BUT MASTER, WHEN I TOLD DETECTIVE ALEIS THAT YOU WERE VISITING A FRIEND'S GRAVE,
HE SAID TO DO SOMETHING TO CHEER YOU UP
BECAUSE YOU LOOKED SO SAD, MASTER
ALEIS SAID THAT...?
OH, AND THE OTHER ONE.

THE COMPLETE GIRL VERSION!
DETECTIVE ALEIS GAVE ME THIS, TOO.
HE MAY NOT LOOK IT, BUT HE ACTUALLY HAS PRETTY GOOD TASTE, DON'T YOU THINK?
RIP
grab
WHA...

NEVER WEAR ANYTHING LIKE THAT AGAIN
IF YOU DO.
I'LL CUT THE TENDONS IN YOUR ARMS AND LEGS IN HALF
MA... MASTER...?
UGH
I...
I'M SORRY I WON'T DO IT AGAIN
I'M SORRY
MAS-TER!


DON'T FOLLOW ME
ALEIS ...!
JUST HAVE TO GO SCREWING WITH ME LIKE THAT, DON'T YOU.
YOU.

WHOOSH
FWOOSH

rustle
twip
OH, JUST NOW, WASN'T THAT...
OH, MY...

AHHHH!
HUH?
WAIT A MOMENT
AREN'T YOU...
hufu
hufu
KNOCK
KNOCK
COMING!

thud
AHH..!
WHAT
ARE YOU SO AFRAID OF? IT'S ME
MASTER

!
THERE'S ... BLOOD ON YOUR SHIRT...
ARE YOU HURT?
THIS?

IT'S NOT MINE.
!?
RRRRR
THIS IS ALEIS
OH..
NO, IT'S FINE
...WHAT?

SHIGURE CAME BACK?
IS HE IN HIS ROOM NOW?
AND... HOW IS HE?
...IT WAS JUST AS YOU SAID.
MASTER IS BROKEN SOMEWHERE... THERE WAS BLOOD ALL OVER HIS SHIRT, AND HE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING...
When you called before...
And said that witnesses reported that Master killed a woman... I thought that it couldn't be true
But
But now I believe it. His eyes... his eyes were the eyes of a madman.
I'M AFRAID OF HIM!
PLEASE, DETECTIVE ALEIS!
COME
COME QUICKLY!

ARE YOU DONE WITH YOUR PHONE CALL?
SO,
AH!
creak
SHI-GURE.
bam

THOSE ARE THE RUINS OF A DOLL WHO SOLD OUT HIS MASTER.
I WONDER WHERE I WENT WRONG... I NEVER WOULD HAVE THOUGHT HE'D BECOME SO DISOBEDIENT...
splash
!?
AM I REALLY SO IMPOSSIBLE TO TRUST...?
SHIGURE.
WHY...

BUT... YOU'D ARREST ME EITHER WAY, RIGHT?
AND THEN YOU'D EITHER BLAME ME FOR A CRIME I DIDN'T COMMIT AND THROW ME IN JAIL,
OR JUST KILL ME STRAIGHT AWAY.
WHY DIDN'T YOU RUN?
IF YOU HAD THE TIME TO DO THAT, THEN...
HEY,
ALEIS SHIN.
OH, DO YOU KNOW KAREN?
I FIGURED IT OUT.
I WATCHED OVER KAREN WHILE SHE WAS DYING, AND SHE TOLD ME EVERYTHING
SHE'S THE NEWEST CORPSE YOU MADE, THE BLIND WOMAN.
SHE WAS ENGAGED TO QASIM, WHO WAS KILLED AND HAD HIS HEART TORN OUT.

HOW VALIANT OF HER, TO CHASE AFTER THE CRIMINAL ALL ON HER OWN...
BUT WHEN I RECEIVED WORD FROM HER AND RUSHED TO HER AID, SHE'D ALREADY BEEN SHOT BY SOMEONE
SHE WAS SO FULL OF REGRET
SHE'D FINALLY FOUND THE KILLER BY HIS AURA, AND YET... TO END LIKE THAT
HOW DID QASIM'S HEART TASTE?
MISTER SERIAL MAGICIAN KILLER
...
WOW
I'M JUST NO MATCH FOR YOU GUYS AND YOUR POWERS...
huh

SHING
I TOLD YOU NOT TO STICK YOUR NOSE IN IT.
AND I SPECIFI-CALLY CAME AND WARNED YOU
YOU WERE A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE.
SO I DIDN'T WANT TO KILL YOU, SHIGURE.
EVEN IF YOU WERE THE PREY I WANTED THE MOST.

WELL, REST ASSURED.
I'LL DEVOUR THAT HEART OF YOURS.
!?
I STILL DON'T HAVE ENOUGH POWER
...BUT YOU...
NO MATTER WHAT MAGICIAN'S HEART I ATE,
I NEVER GOT WHAT I MOST WANTED.
YOU JUST MIGHT GRANT MY WISH...
...A CIRCLE ...?!
YOU...!

THE DOLL?!
OH... I SEE...
YOU CAN SEE THE CIRCLE BECAUSE OF THE MAGICIAN'S HEARTS YOU'VE EATEN
SENECA?!
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, ALEIS SHIN!
!?
DROP THE GUN!

TSK...
!?
YOU TRICKED ME, SHIGURE!
!
MASTER, WATCH OUT...!

bang
bang
HUH?
...WHAT?

I CAN'T LET YOU GET HURT MORE THAN YOU ALREADY HAVE BEEN.
!
fssss
MASTER...
CLACK
...DAMN IT!

WOO
WOO
WOO
POLIZEI
WHY... WHY DID YOU..
WANT POWER SO MUCH?
...
IT HAPPENED NOT THAT LONG AGO...
IT WAS A CAR ACCIDENT ..
THE WOMAN I LOVED WAS KILLED .. THE WOMAN I LOVED MORE THAN MY OWN LIFE .
NO MATTER WHAT... I WANTED TO BRING HER BACK TO LIFE..
IF ONLY I HAD THE POWER
YOU DARE TELL ME THAT?!
YOU KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE, DON'T YOU?!
NO MATTER WHAT POWER YOU HAVE, THE DEAD WILL NEVER RETURN.
WHAT IT'S LIKE TO WANT TO HOLD ONTO SOMEONE'S LIFE, NO MATTER THE SACRIFICE!!

!
IF I HAD THE SAME POWER AS YOU...
THEN I COULD PUT HER IN A DOLL OR SOMETHING, TOO...!
...BUT THAT... IS NOTHING BUT THE POWER TO MOVE SOMETHING
IT'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT
EVEN IF YOU DID THAT,
IT WOULDN'T MAKE YOUR LOVED ONE COME BACK
—...
THIS IS...

I DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO SAY ANY-THING.
IT'S TRUE THAT I MOVED THE ENERGY OF THAT GIRL'S SOUL INTO YOU.
SHE HAS MY FACE...
...WE WEREN'T RELATED BY BLOOD, BUT SHE WAS MY YOUNGER SISTER.
...SHE WAS SICKLY, AND SHE DIED YEARNING FOR THE WORLD OUTSIDE.
HERS WAS THE LIFE I WANTED TO HOLD ON TO, NO MATTER WHAT.
BUT SHE ISN'T ANYWHERE NOW...
MASTER, DO YOU...
REGRET MAKING ME?

!
...CAN I..
NOT BECOME HER REPLACE-MENT?
...
NO, YOU CAN'T.

YOU'RE MY DOLL
YOU AREN'T ANYONE ELSE.
AFTER ALL, YOU'RE JUST YOU, AREN'T YOU?
SENECA.
MASTER!

DON'T GO CLINGING TO ME LIKE THAT.
MASTER...
I WONDER WHERE THESE FEELINGS COME FROM.
I hit my nose again
hch
AH...
THUD
COME ON
THIS PAIN IN MY HEART...
UH
I THINK...
YOU CAN SHAKE? GOOD BOY!
THAT THIS MIGHT BE HIS MAGIC THAT IS NOT REALLY MAGIC...
You're so mean! Treating me like a dog!
AHA HA HA!!
Treat
HUH?
End